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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170  
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

I wasn't going to respond to this and I am certainly not doing it for Tracfone. While I'm sure that the folks who offer the Tracfone service are sensitive about every extra cent that is charged as they have, by far, the highest cost per minute that I have experienced. Sooner or later there cost or the cost that is thrust upon them by "our government" will start to reduce their earnings and viability in the marketplace. You have every right to ask the question, "Why do you have a Tracfone Bill? Well it was a gift and if it were not a gift I would not have a cellular phone at all. But the fact is simple, I am getting older and my job requires me to be in some isolated spots...it probably makes sense to be able to reach someone in an emergency so I'm holding onto it for that reason. I don't use it when I'm driving and I don't use it to make personal calls. I can afford the dollar, could probably afford a hundred...but there are a whole lot of folks out there with lousy c!

redit or no credit at all and they might need this service for emergencies. To add a lousy dollar so that you can make ends meet in your budget or the general budget is a flat out insult to this group of folks...how about it, cut them a break, might be the first one they have had in a while. Very truly yours, Bill Daugherty

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members